

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of this week, cotton planting was 23 percent complete, compared to 19 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Forty-two percent of barley has headed compared with 31 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Thirty-eight percent of durum wheat has headed compared with 29 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. This week, central and western Arizona growers shipped anise, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, and parsley (curly and plain). In eastern Arizona, growers also shipped green onions, and in western Arizona, also shipped arugula, bok choy, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, red leaf, Romaine, and other), radicchio, spinach, and Swiss chard. In Coconino and Yavapai Counties, existing forage is old and dry. New forage is essentially non-existent and there will be none should the dry conditions persist. Tank water is rare and diminishing. In Cochise County, spring annuals have been showing growth, but not high enough to use as feed yet at lower elevations. Some green up on Lehmann love grass continues, but not on native grasses. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to very poor. For the week ending on April 1st, only 4 of the 48 weather stations reported some precipitation, with Safford reporting the least at 0.02 inches while Bowie reported the most at 0.05 inches. Thirty-five of the 48 weather stations reported above normal temperatures this week. The highest temperature during the week was 96 degrees at Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was 16 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	42	33	31	NA
Cotton				
Planted	23	20	19	22
Durum wheat				
Headed	38	30	29	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	1	1	NA
Short.....	18	9	20	NA
Adequate.....	77	86	60	NA
Surplus.....	--	4	19	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	1	13	NA
Short.....	15	9	6	NA
Adequate.....	80	86	69	NA
Surplus.....	--	4	12	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	5	3	2	3
Fair.....	16	14	33	21
Good.....	52	61	46	42
Excellent.....	27	22	18	31
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	1
Poor.....	6	2	2	2
Fair.....	36	45	10	31
Good.....	44	38	74	49
Excellent.....	14	14	13	17
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	1	--	--
Fair.....	20	18	4	10
Good.....	51	60	85	56
Excellent.....	25	21	11	34
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	30	29	7	9
Poor.....	42	40	11	18
Fair.....	20	21	24	35
Good.....	8	8	44	33
Excellent.....	--	2	14	5

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(--) – zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-04012018.pdf